STATE BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

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In the Matter of:

Michaelangelo Williams

This matter was opened before the New Jersey State Respiratory Care Board (Board) upon the Board's receipt of an application for license to practice respiratory care from Respondent Michelangelo Williams. Respondent truthfully disclosed on his application that, in November 1992, he had pled guilty to and was thereby convicted of the third degree crime of having conspired to distribute a controlled dangerous substance (cocaine) with the intent to distribute same in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:5-2.

Respondent's licensure application (and available documentation corroborates) that pursuant to his guilty plea he was sentenced to two years probation.

Subsequent to Board review, Respondent was evaluated by the Physicians' Health Program (PHP) of the Medical Society of New Jersey. Within a report dated January 2, 2003, the PHP reported that there is no evidence that Mr. Williams suffers from a substance abuse disorder and that respondent has enrolled in the PHP and is presently participating in a monitoring program.

The Board has determined the Respondent Williams may presently be licensed to practice respiratory care in New Jersey,

notwithstanding his prior conviction. The Board thus finds that Mr. Williams meets all requirements for licensure as a respiratory care practitioner. While the Board concludes that Respondent's conviction was of an offense involving moral turpitude and relating adversely to the profession of respiratory care, and would thus constitute cause for the Board to deny Respondent's application for licensure to practice respiratory care, the Board is satisfied that a sufficient showing has been made by Respondent to support a conclusion that Respondent has undergone rehabilitation since the time of his arrest, and that the arrest and conviction were isolated events which occurred ten years ago.

The Board being satisfied that the public interest is adequately protected by the entry of the within Order, and that good cause exists for entry of the with Order,

IT IS on this 4th Day of March 2003

ORDERED and AGREED:

- 1. Respondent Michaelangelo Williams' application for licensure to practice respiratory care in the State of New Jersey is hereby granted by the Board.
- 2. Respondent is ordered to continue to participate with the PHP, which program shall continue to conduct random, weekly urine monitoring for the next six months (commencing January 2003) and for the subsequent six months, on a twice-monthly basis. In addition, Mr. Williams will meet with a clinical representative of the PHP for regular follow-up visits. Respondent shall authorize

the PHP to provide quarterly reports to the Board regarding his participation in the PHP, and to provide immediate reports to the Board in the event that Respondent fails to comply with any part of his monitoring program with the PHP, or in the event that the PHP obtains any reliable evidence that Respondent has used illegal drugs, to include any positive urine screen results.

3. In the event that the Board receives any reports that Respondent has been non-compliant with the PHP or that respondent has used illegal drugs, it is agreed that such report shall constitute cause, without more, for the entry of an Order suspending Respondent's license to practice respiratory care in the State of New Jersey.

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By:

Kenneth Capek Board President

I hereby acknowledge that I have reviewed the within Order and agree to its terms. Consent is hereby given to the Respiratory Care Board to enter this Order.

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